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The Bath-tub trust is about to dissolve. Get the mop.

Bananas-raising is a quick money-producer—but there's many a slip.

Some women's idea of combining business with pleasure is a trip to Reno.

A sweet mean the Sugar trust is getting into with the cane and beet men at out.

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" An old question never answered.

Dr. Wiley is now asked to determine, "What is vinegar?" He will sour on his job yet.

Yes, the world moves. A negro has been elected to the city council in Nashville, Tenn.

Why does the World-Herald resort to lies, unless it is because the truth will not serve its purpose? Why?

Somebody has proposed aeroplanes for forest rangers. They ought to be about the last persons to need them.

Many a young woman has found the best of fishing just as she emerged from the stage door in the rear.

Anyway, Kate Claxton's husband got back at her in that divorce suit when the court compelled her to tell her age.

Another burning question is Will "Mike" Harrington forgive Bryan for endorsing Harman, railroad label and all?

Why does Senator Hitchcock's World-Herald never admit its downright lies until forced to do so by exposure? Why?

When people travel long distances to see the Land show, those who live within a street car ride should appreciate their privileges.

In putting in its order for a republic, China will please state whether with or without the recall and other trimmings.

Colorado prison authorities recently took fifty-six convicts to the theater. It may have been extra punishment, depending upon the play.

Omaha never before entertained so many conventions, congresses and meetings as right now, and it never was better equipped for their entertainment.

Colonel Roosevelt has declined to shoot bear in the casebrakes because the newspapers would annoy him. That puts the bears in the reporters' debt.

No one ever sends "regrets" who has not safely landed long enough before to make it perfectly certain he will not run short on chances to send "regrets."

Kubelik, with his fingers insured for \$235,000, is not the only man with a good hand, as will be seen from Mr. Mathewson, Mr. Plank, Mr. Walsh and a few others sitting in at the game.

It seems about as hard for wicked republicans to keep a finger out of the democratic pie as it is for wicked democrats to keep a finger out of the republican pie—World-Herald.

Well, well, well! How did you come to admit it?

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, is great on putting up straw men in order to knock them down again. Just now it wants to know why The Bee is "pouring out its venom against the Citizens' union." That's easy. It isn't.

Prison Progress.

The American Prison congress in session here has assembled in Omaha a great array of distinguished personages and experienced workers in the field of prison reform. Its meetings are bringing out the best thought, and the most advanced ideas on penal legislation and treatment of convicted criminals.

It is natural, in discussing some subjects, to paint in lurid colors the shortcomings and evils of existing practices and to emphasize the need of improvement. All this is stimulating, and perhaps necessary, but still we must not close our eyes to the salient fact that marvelous progress has already been made in the matter of prison reform, and that while much is yet to be accomplished, at no time since the dawn of history have offenders against society been as humanely handled, and their rights as human beings better respected, than in this day and age.

We now confine men in prison who have committed crimes, but we do not incarcerate them.

We have jails, workhouses and reformatories, but we have no dungeons, no black holes and no torture chambers.

We at least try to discriminate between first offenders who have slipped up and chronic crooks who make a profession of crime.

We distinguish the prisoner who shows signs of reformation and give him the advantage of indeterminate sentence and parole, as against the hardened, unrepentant desperado whose release would be simply a new license to prey upon his fellows.

True, we have not reached the point where the ex-convict just out of prison doors is welcomed as a prodigal and at once restored to trust and confidence, but the opportunities for men who have expiated their crimes to become honest, self-supporting citizens were never greater.

We call attention to these things, not to discourage those enlisted in the cause of prison reform, but to encourage them, by showing that there is a bright side as well as a dark side. The world moves, and is moving, constantly toward better things.

A Nebraska Object Lesson.

Four men have been sentenced to the penitentiary for life from Cherry county, Nebraska, because they lynched a man. This stands out rather boldly against the background of experience in such cases in other states. It is seldom that lynchings are ever brought to a legal accounting at all, much less given the limit of the law. Of course, Nebraska happens to be one of the states in which lynching rarely occurs and such swift demonstration of speedy justice as this must have a tendency to make lynchings all the more scarce in this state.

What has taken place in the district court at Valentine furnishes an object lesson which older states, where lynchings have occurred, would do well to heed. Of late several shocking examples of organized outlawry have been perpetrated and that, too, with impunity in two or three states. There is one way to stop lynching and that is to enforce the law against those who engage in it. But more often the law shuts its eyes to lynchings and lynchings for fear it might detect the guilty ones.

It sometimes seems that a crime is provocative of immediate reprisal and retaliation, but lynching will become justifiable only when two wrongs make one right and not before. Besides, it has happened that mob law fails to apprehend the guilty man and wreaks its vengeance upon the guiltless, in which event, of course, the crime and sin of lynching becomes doubly heinous.

Receding Tide of Immigration.

Folks accustomed to fear lest our country be overrun with the flood-tide of foreign immigration might get comfort for themselves by reviewing recent statistics on this alien influx. The tide, as a matter of fact, has been on the recession for some little time. Not only has the influx from Europe been decreasing, but the efflux has been swelling, so that the comparative decrease is all the more. In July of this year, for instance, 61,736 aliens came to the United States, as compared with 82,191 in July of 1910. For the seven months of 1911 ending with July, the total influx was 562,647 as against 776,285 in the same period of 1910 and 993,728 in 1907. The outgo of aliens for the seven months ending with July, 1911, was more than 300,000, as compared with 228,623 in 1910 and 171,430 in 1909.

Another feature of the immigration situation may be studied without offering anything to alarm those who fear a wholesome and healthful flow of aliens from Europe and are apprehensive because those who are coming belong to what they term the less desirable classes. Of course, these terms, desirable and undesirable, are to be distinguished entirely from the legal and illegal. Some immigrants, thoroughly qualified under our laws to enter, are not altogether desirable.

But here is something for us to think about. Do we want the tide of immigration to recede? Has not this new republic out here in the west a distinct duty to itself to replenish its stock by bringing these people into such direct contact with us and our institutions through im-

migration? But what of this showing, that the heavier falling off is among the so-called higher-grade aliens? General Francis A. Walker it was who said that immigration from the lower levels "will not be permanently stopped so long as any difference of economic level exists between our population and that of the most degraded communities of Europe." Henry P. Fairchild of Yale now raises the important question—does the United States no longer enjoy such a position of economic, social and political superiority as to make it worth while for people of other countries to give up the native land and come here? If immigration should stop would it not signalize loss of attractive power?

Most people are apt to take a too narrow view of immigration. It is not quite safe for Americans ever to be indifferent to it or to these people from other lands. We need them and they need us and our democracy needs this process of assimilation through which to propagate itself.

Ajax Defying the Lightning.

Base ball is inherently the greatest sport ever devised, so far as the American's fascination goes. Nothing in the history of professional athletics in this or any other country has ever approached the popularity base ball has attained. And year by year that popularity increases. The game is entrenched today, therefore, in the hearts of Americans with what seems like abiding power. It has grown into a gigantic business, at the same time retaining all its original sport elements.

But strong as base ball is, it is not strong enough to lower its commercial aspect to the level of greedy speculation or graft. It has survived and prospered, not because it was strong enough to prevent these evils, but because it was too clean to countenance them. Let it down on the basis of gambling and it will go just as horse racing and other splendid forms of American sport have gone.

It is highly important that the authorities of base ball go to the bottom of this ticket-scalping scandal now being aired in New York and make an example of those responsible for it. Unfortunately the owners of the New York team are charged with being in the conspiracy to dole out tickets through brokers at fabulous prices. At any rate, it is said, 8,000 tickets have been thus doled out. A similar scandal arose in Chicago during a world's series and nothing ever came of it. Base ball cannot afford to harbor such graft. Base ball magnates of the get-rich-quick type will do well to defy the lightning in some other business.

The democratic member of the county board seeking re-election appeals for votes as an endorsement of his economic administration. The last stroke of economy he perpetrated was to put three democratic heeled on the county payroll at \$3 a day for thirty days under pretense of standing in front of a voting machine not even fitted with ballot headings, and knowing that the ballot cannot be made up until fourteen days before election. We doubt if the voters want to endorse this kind of economy.

If the insurgent republicans constitute, as they assert, the overwhelming majority of the republican party in Nebraska, then they must have furnished the votes in the late republican primary that nominated the ticket and the nominees must be the candidates of their choice. If these premises are correct, no republican insurgent or regular has any excuse to vote the democratic ticket this year even to please Mr. Bryan.

The democratic candidate for congress up in the Third Nebraska district has been trying also to sneak on the ballot a second time as a populist, when he is much less a populist than he is a prohibitionist, and no more a populist than he is a socialist. If the rule is good for one, it should be good for all, and he ought to list himself under the prohibition heading and the socialist heading as well.

A Wall street publication blames whatever slack there may be in business on the president's speeches. The idea of a president making speeches, anyway, when they may disturb Wall street's equilibrium is ridiculous.

Doom of Circuit Courts.
 Springfield Republican.
 Lawyers are interested in the fact that with the departure of 1911 the United States circuit courts will automatically cease to exist, in accordance with the act of congress of March 3 last. All suits and proceedings pending in those courts will be handled in the United States district courts in the same manner and with the same effect as if originally begun therein. The argument which prevailed in bringing about this extinction is that the procedure will be greatly simplified by the change, and the cost of operation and expense of litigation be considerably reduced.

A Notable Coincidence.
 St. Paul Dispatch.

The royal scientific deputation for medical affairs in Germany has sent to Washington a copy of a decision upholding Dr. Wiley in the contention that the use of benzole acid and benzene should not be permitted in the preservation of foodstuffs. Isn't it a remarkable coincidence that Dr. Wiley, who, we have been assured, does not know what he is talking about, should have reached the same conclusion as the German scientists?

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha

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GIVE US.

Thirty Years Ago—

The terrible condition of the streets did not deter a large audience gathering in the First Presbyterian church for the revival services. The subject of discourse by Major Whittier was "Gates of Sin."

The presence of the venerable Peter Herdic of Williamsport, Pa., in the city is on business of the Herdic coach and its adaptability to Nebraska mud and dust. It is reported that parties in Council Bluffs have bought the privilege of Peter Herdic to run his coaches in business, paying therefor the neat sum of \$10,000.

Johanna Richter, wife of Henry Richter, the furrier, died this morning, aged 40, at the residence, 1110 Howard street. Denial is made by James Nugent that his brother Jack's mammoth Southern minstrels have gone broke, as rumored. The Union Catholic Literary association gave an entertainment at its rooms last night.

Oscar Chase of Omaha, who was married last week in the Episcopal church at Lincoln to Miss Parrott of that city, has returned with his bride to reside here. "The groom thinks the object is well worthy of the chase, his friends say."

Mr. Heth of Lincoln, Neb., is in the city.

Judge Woolworth expects for Washington, to attend the supreme court, before which he has several cases pending.

A. E. Olarovsky, consul general of Russia at San Francisco, was on the east-bound train for New York. He speaks hopefully of the Russian situation and believes nihilism is being crushed.

Twenty Years Ago—

Judges Wakely, Doane and Davis uphold the validity of the eight-hour law. The case has come up on the complaint of Charles G. Low, an employee of the Ross Printing company as a test. It had been pending since August.

Joe Dunne, an all-around tough and bad man, was lodged in jail for "decorating the physiognomy of Pet Judson, a boon companion."

A large number of German-Americans met at Germania hall to discuss the tickets and the city campaign. Among the speakers were Governor Boyd, Henry C. Brownlee, G. L. Gilbert, N. V. Gass, who spoke in English.

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The Bees Letter Box

H. N. JEWETT.

Medical Inspection of Schools.

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Systematic medical inspection of schools has been considered so advisable that this plan has been adopted by more than two hundred cities in the United States, and yet Omaha, which occupies about the thirty-fifth place in population, does not offer for the safety of its children and comfort of the parents this safeguard toward public health.

Within the last month five children having diphtheria have been discovered in one of the public schools, and within the last ten days five cases have been discovered in another public school.

In one instance the writer is informed that a child now having diphtheria was allowed to use the schoolbooks which had been used but a few days before by a brother or sister of one having diphtheria, and fumigation does not kill the germs in the books. It would seem hopeless to expect successful quarantine, or even reasonable control of this disease.

Medical inspection is not an experiment; it is an intelligent method of discovering the disease early, of limiting to a minimum exposure of healthy children, and a successful method of establishing quarantine which is effective, and properly interpreted it is a means of economy, to say nothing of the unnecessary dangers to which the children are now exposed.

A Natural Aversion.

It is only natural for Mr. Bryan to protest against any recognition of the rule of reason.

Exception to the Rule.

Columbus, it will be recalled, appealed to King John of Portugal to finance his expedition to the Indies. The king couldn't see his proposition and turned him down, after which he sought out Ferdinand and Isabella. The Portuguese historian, Barros, explains the king's refusal. His majesty, he says, saw that Columbus was a great talker and boasted of his abilities and he placed little confidence in him.

This incident is cited merely to show that it doesn't always and necessarily follow that the big talker is all wind.

Not This Mahoney.

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Last Saturday's Bee contained a statement relative to the organization of the Citizens' union, attributing its creation to the Business Men's association and to me, in part to the Business Men's association and in part to myself.

In so far as the publication relates to the Business Men's association and to me, it is entirely without foundation. I never heard of the proposed new organization, or the Citizens' union, or any organization of that nature until I read the statement in The Bee. Neither is it in any way connected with the Omaha Business Men's association. The Business Men's association devotes itself entirely to a certain industrial problem. It labors to advance the principle of the open shop, an industrial program under which employment shall not be denied to any workman because he is or is not a member of a labor organization. During the eight years of its existence the Business Men's association has not touched politics, either local or in general, and it is not touching politics at the present time.

In making correction of a false report, I do not mean to cast aspersion upon the Citizens' union. Its platform, as published, seems to be one to which good citizens can very readily subscribe. Whether it will be able to accomplish the meritorious ends at which it aims will depend upon the extent to which good citizens may support it. If it is entitled to support it will be because of its own program, but another organization, occupying a very different field of action, and having no relation to it, ought not to be coupled with it in the public press to the prejudice of either, for neither can be responsible for the course pursued by the other.

T. J. MAHONEY.

Reactionary Progressives.

KEARNEY, Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: The modern insurgent professes to believe that the "interests" ought to be driven out of politics, but fails to set an example by moving out himself. This make-believe up-to-date politician goes back more than a score of years to the original platform of the populist party, and digs up a remnant known as the initiative and referendum and the recall plank. Instead of again confining this ancient hunting to oblivion he sanctifies, emphasizes and advertises it until, in his opinion, the old mummy assumes proportions which are the embodiment of all wisdom and power. To the amazement of the multitude he calls himself "progressive," and those who differ with him "reactionaries." He nominates "Bob" La Follette, the prince of fault-finders, for president of the United States, and then with visions of future victories, the Hon. Mr. Ego assumes an air of omnipotent importance, which, if it were not so ridiculous, would be pathetic.

JOSEPH BLACK.

Thanks for Correction.

OMAHA, Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your article entitled, "Presuming on Ignorance," you state Alaska was purchased by President Grant. I think you are mistaken.

Alaska was purchased by William H. Seward, secretary of state under President Abraham Lincoln; consideration, \$7,200,000.

Note: To be still more correct, Alaska was purchased through Seward under President Andrew Johnson in 1867 for \$7,200,000.

Food for Reflection.

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I do not agree with those who believe that the best to be got out of the world is to be got out of the street fair, and I would suggest that Ak-Sar-Ben continue the King's Highway to charm the thousands from everywhere, who come yearly to witness our beautiful parades, expecting the king to entertain them. I believe our most worthy king will tell our most worthy mayor and wise councilmen, and also our competent chief of police, to close our instant amusement on the grounds unfit for any child, woman or man to witness, and remove any person who uses foul or indecent language, or who gives an insult to any person, or rushes madly through the throng to disturb their pleasures. I happened to enter the grounds at 7 p. m. on the last Saturday of the fair, and took a modest lunch, and then secured two French poodles with long silken hair for two of my childish friends, and with a poodle under each arm paraded the entire grounds slowly, and not a person even flung confetti at me, and no one attempted to snatch the poodles, but one little girl exclaimed, "Oh, mister, will you sell me one of your pretty poodles?" Another said, "Kind sir, won't you give me a poodle?" and one of three exclaimed, "I would dearly like a poodle," and the others joined in chorus. I remained three hours and visited almost every show, and did not witness a single performance that would injure any child or woman, and I did not hear any slang or bad language or see any mad rushes, and my eyes and ears were ready to see and hear what was going on. At 10 o'clock I wandered homeward and left the poodles at the homes of my childish playmates, and early Sunday morning they came to my home to thank their "granda," as they call me. I would say that people should demand that decency and order should be observed every day in the year within the confines of our city. I have known Omaha, and many of her people, for over forty-three years and I consider our citizens equal to those of any city of Omaha's size.

H. N. JEWETT.

This Prescription

Knocks Rheumatism

The only logical treatment for rheumatism is through the blood. A prescription, which has recently proved wonderfully effective in hospital work is the following. Any druggist has the ingredients or will quickly get them for you. Any one can mix them. "One ounce compound syrup of Sarsaparilla; one ounce Tonic compound; half pint first class whiskey (or cherry wine if preferred). These to be mixed and used in tablespoon doses before each meal and at bedtime. This cured thousands here last winter. It relieves immediately.

Not only will it eradicate rheumatism quickly but it is a splendid system builder and soon restores appetite and vitality. Many persons troubled with rheumatism would not be without a bottle of this mixture on hand at all times.—A.D.

SUNNY GEMS.

"Timon has finally invented an airplane that is absolutely safe."
 "Good."
 "But it has one drawback."
 "What is that?"
 "It won't fly."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"The people in Noah's time were like a great many modern business folks."
 "How so?"
 "They didn't know enough to come in out of the wet, and so they naturally went under."—Baltimore American.

THE BEST OLD FRIEND.

Baltimore Sun.
 From the start to the middle and down to the end,
 The wife of a man is his best old friend,
 In the strife, in the care, in the fret and the trouble,
 She helps him along like the dance of a bubble,
 And he may not know and he may not see,
 She's the best old friend, as a friend should be!

When the mercenary friends have all gone by,
 To seek other prey with their vulture's eye,
 When the fawning friends and the friends who live
 On what they can get, not what they give,
 Have all exposed themselves to the light,
 She's the best old friend, and you know that's right!

She's the best old friend, and she does not leave
 When the failure comes, and she doesn't deceive,
 And she does not fawn with the sycophant's leer,
 But she's there in the hour when the world seems drear,
 And she's there for you, not herself alone,
 With her warm heart true to the high, true tone!

From start to finish and back again
 The best old friend, in the sun or rain,
 Is the woman who waits till the others
 And they do when they find that you
 Need them so.

And then comes in to show to the end
 That the wife of a man is his best old friend!

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